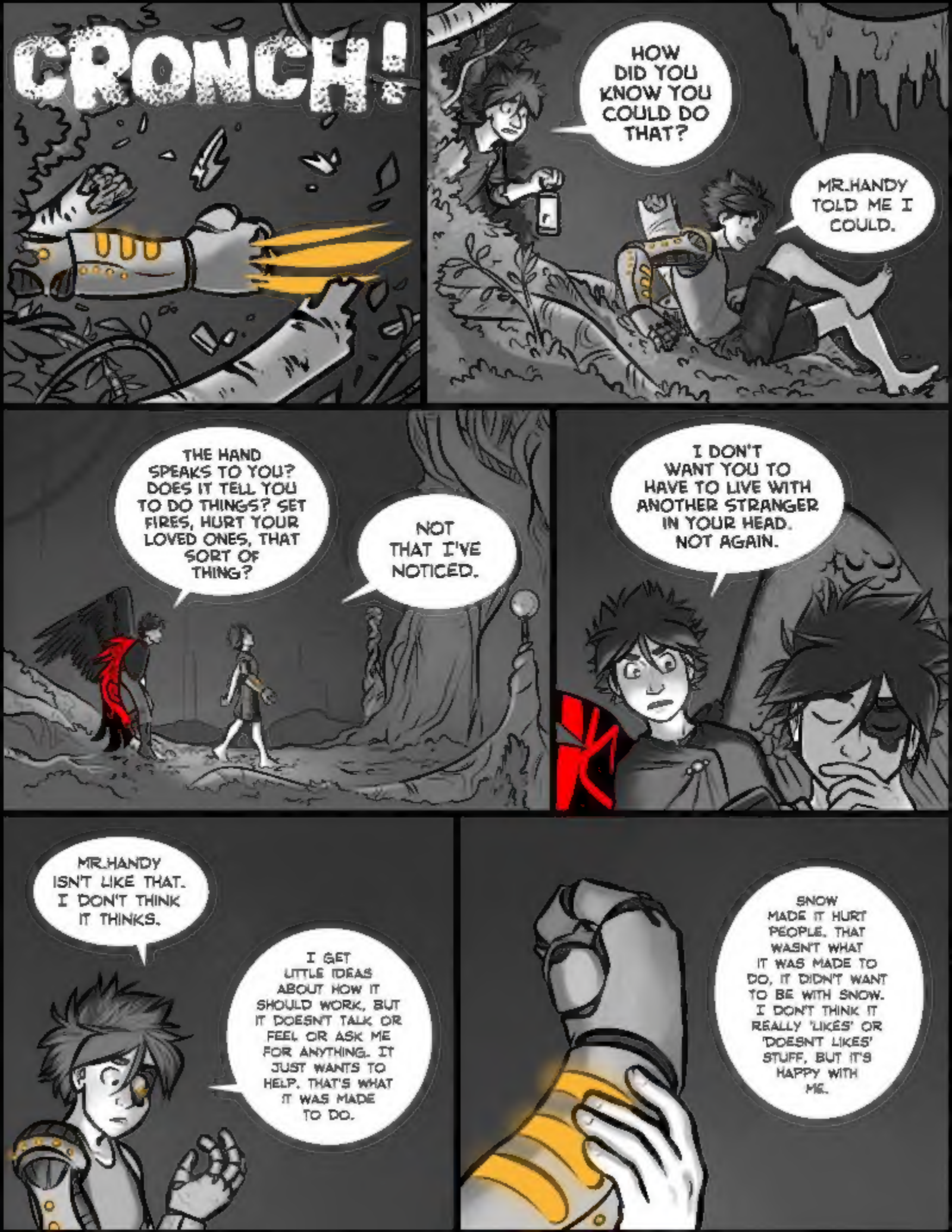

CRONCH!
HOW DID YOU KNOW YOU COULD DO THAT?
MR.HANDY TOLD ME I COULD.
THE HAND SPEAKS TO YOU? DOES IT TELL YOU TO DO THINGS? SET FIRES, HURT YOUR LOVED ONES, THAT SORT OF THING?
NOT THAT I'VE NOTICED.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE TO LIVE WITH ANOTHER STRANGER IN YOUR HEAD. NOT AGAIN.
MR.HANDY ISN'T LIKE THAT. I DON'T THINK IT THINKS.
I GET LITTLE IDEAS ABOUT HOW IT SHOULD WORK, BUT IT DOESN'T TALK OR FEEL OR ASK ME FOR ANYTHING. IT JUST WANTS TO HELP. THAT'S WHAT IT WAS MADE TO DO.
SNOW MADE IT HURT PEOPLE. THAT WASN'T WHAT IT WAS MADE TO DO, IT DIDN'T WANT TO BE WITH SNOW. I DON'T THINK IT REALLY 'LIKES' OR 'DOESN'T LIKES' STUFF, BUT IT'S HAPPY WITH ME.

I'M JUST STRUGGLING TO IMAGINE WHY SNOW DID WHAT HE DID FOR YOU.
NOT THAT I'M NOT GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK.
I HAD TO COME BACK. THE LADY WHO SMELLED LIKE FLOWERS SAID SO.
THE WHAT?
AFTER THE PAIN IN MY CHEST STOPPED, I WAS IN A BIG WINDY PLACE WITH A NICE LADY WHO SMELLED LIKE FLOWERS.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO STAY, AND SHE SAID SHE WANTED ME TO, BUT I HAD TO GO BACK.
SHE SAID THERE WERE IMPORTANT THINGS I STILL NEEDED TO DO...
...BUT SHE WOULD BE WAITING TO MEET ME WHEN IT WAS TIME TO GO.
I WAS SAD I COULDN'T STAY BUT THEN I WOKE UP AND I SAW YOU AND CREDENZA AND I FORGOT TO BE SAD.
HEY, LOOK! I THINK I FOUND THE THING!

THANK GOD IT WASN'T BURIED UNDER ANYTHING HEAVY. NOW IF WE JUST...
HHWMM
ZWIK!
THIS MACHINE WILL NEVER MOVE AGAIN, BUT THE AI SHOULD STILL BE FUNCTIONAL. AFTER THAT STRANGE DREAM, I HAVE SOME IDEAS OF HOW I COULD HELP HIM...
SQUEAK
CREAK
WHIRRR
CLICK CLICK
WHRR
POP!
THERE YOU ARE.
DON'T WORRY, BENJAMIN. WE'RE NOT LEAVING YOU BEHIND.

Hmm... this kind of alteration of the scar tissue is unusual.
However, the skin is healthy so I can't see any problems.
Though I admit, this is not my field of expertise.
Dream magic has odd effects on the body.
THE EFFECTS COULD BE GREATER IF THE SCAR IS EMOTIONALLY SIGNIFICANT.
COUGH COUGH *HACK*
LOOK, I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO HELP BUT, MAGIC BLOOD OR NOT, I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK.
COUGH! COUGH!
A BREAK?! THIS GUY SOUNDS LIKE HE'S COUGHING UP A LUNG AND YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT ME BECAUSE OF A FEW CUTS?! I CAN HANDLE THIS, I'VE DONE WORSE TO MYSELF FOR LESS NOBLE REASONS.

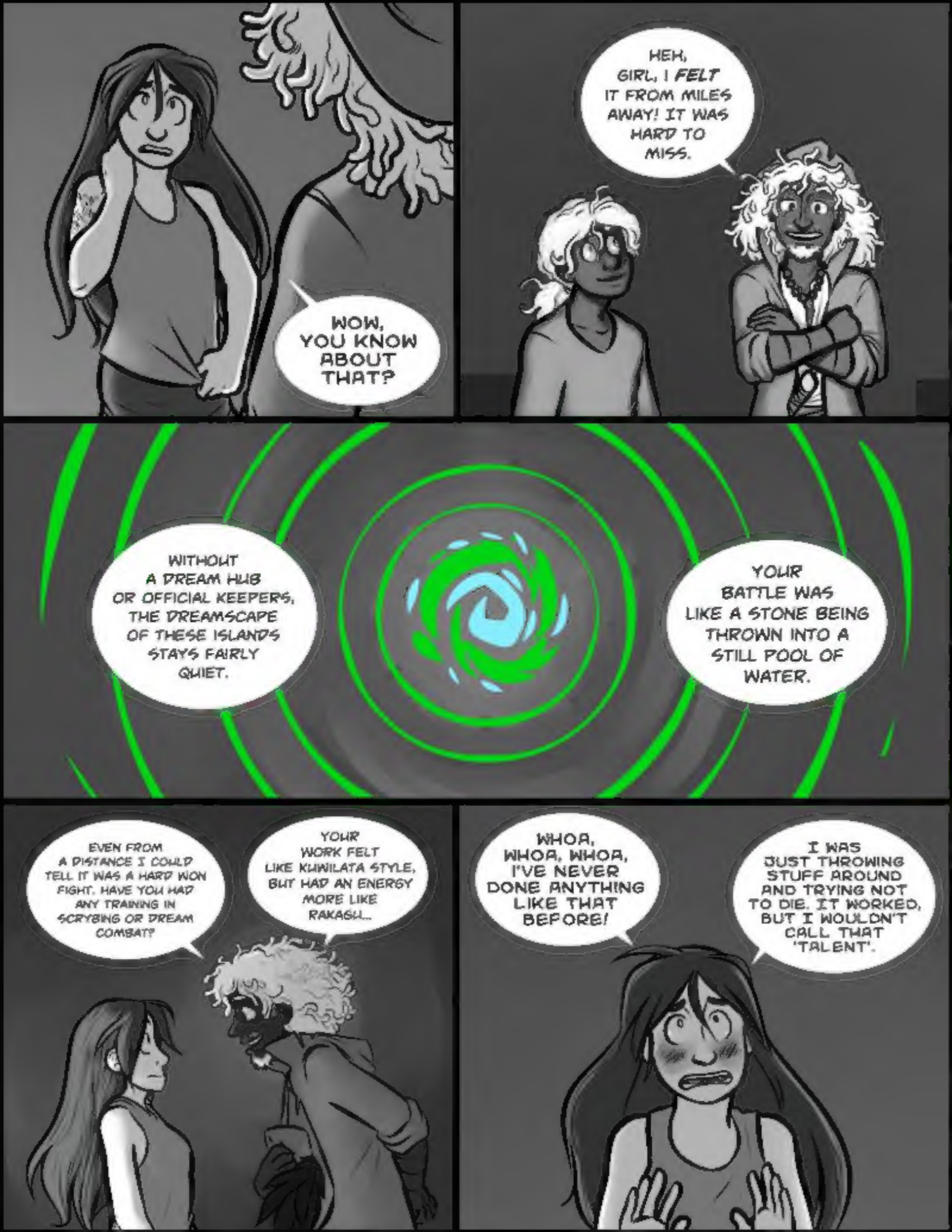
WHAT'S NOBLE ABOUT PASSING OUT FROM BLOOD LOSS?! THAT WON'T HELP ANYONE!
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO! I KNOW MY LIMITHTH... MY LIT-MUTH... MY LIM-LIMMITS!
THAT'S ENOUGH FROM ALL OF YOU! *COUGH*
I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR THIS BUT... I'M OLD.
I'M OVER A HUNDRED YEARS OLD. I'VE OUTLIVED ALL MY BLOOD FAMILY.
PERHAPS THE HEIR MAGIC KEPT ME ALIVE PAST MY NORMAL LIFE SPAN. YET EVEN MAGIC IS SUBJECT TO TIME AND ENTROPY.
ARE YOU THERE CREDENZA? YOUR SCENT IS MIXED WITH GUILT.
I HAVE NO REGRETS. MY LIFE HAS BEEN LONG AND FULL OF LOVE.
YOU SIMPLY TOOK ME ON THE GREATEST ADVENTURE OF MY LIFE, JUST WHEN I THOUGHT MY BEST DAYS WERE BEHIND ME.

BUT RIGHT NOW I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING HOME AND GETTING SOME REST.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, CREDENZA. I'LL BE FINE.
GOZAZI, THE OTHERS WON'T EAT UNTIL YOU JOIN US.
OH! SORRY!
YOU SHOULD COME TOO, CREDENZA. I KNOW IT WOULD MAKE PAOLLO HAPPY TO SHARE BREAKFAST WITH YOU.

It was like... I was trapped, but trapped in a huge space with no floors and walls. I was alone, but the others were nearby...
CRUNCH
K...KEKIDI TOK... LEDI PAOLLO?!
ODA DANI?!

FWHIP!
Oda... vera purada...
WHUMP
VERU NUMI GASAKAPUMA! VERUDI PUMA KEKIVERU VEVE RU PASHA'K AOMAMA TE HUSHU?! VERUDI PUMA?!
RI BE UBA'N NE OBA'N GISHI SHAKSABAT OBLI MUDANA WADIKESE RU! NO RU GABAD'H NE KU'H RI KORA BAD'H!
RIPI PUMAHU KASAKAWA SI'K TATASH'H KALE'SWI TIK'H RUAOSH TETEMI HUHH... RIPI WADIKUSU OBLI MUDARU GABAD'HL..
ODA, ODA! RIPI POROS'HPA PUMA SUKU'L! OSUK K'HI VASH!
OSUK K'HI VASH WISHU DOT'K, RI WADAKASA HUPA MURADU HETHKE RIHU SHEHTE?!
MUUU... ISHI... HI FEKAPETA PUMAMIMI...
GUMA FEKAPETA DE WUSHO ODA RU WESA?!
MUU... OSUK K'HI VASH...

Credenza?
MMF! SORRY PAOLLO, WHAT'S GOING ON?
I want to introduce you to my Uncle Danise... well, he's not my blood relative, he's my Father's guard.
It seems that my family has been a little worried about me, so they sent him out here to find me.
AHH, SE NIMA SHE'K HALASA PUMA. THIS MAKES THINGS CLEAR.
I RECOGNIZE YOUR POWER. I FELT YOUR BATTLE IN THE DREAM REALM.


WOW, YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
HEH, GIRL, I FELT IT FROM MILES AWAY! IT WAS HARD TO MISS.
WITHOUT A DREAM HUB OR OFFICIAL KEEPERS, THE DREAMSCAPE OF THESE ISLANDS STAYS FAIRLY QUIET.
YOUR BATTLE WAS LIKE A STONE BEING THROWN INTO A STILL POOL OF WATER.
EVEN FROM A DISTANCE I COULD TELL IT WAS A HARD WON FIGHT. HAVE YOU HAD ANY TRAINING IN SCRYBING OR DREAM COMBAT?
YOUR WORK FELT LIKE KUWILATA STYLE, BUT HAD AN ENERGY MORE LIKE RAKAGU...
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE!
I WAS JUST THROWING STUFF AROUND AND TRYING NOT TO DIE. IT WORKED, BUT I WOULDN'T CALL THAT 'TALENT'.